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SUBJECT: GOI ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN DRUG PRODUCTION,
ATTACKS U.S. FIRMS

REF: BAGHDAD 1538

1. ON AUGUST 23, MINISTER OF HEALTH RIYAD IBRAHIM HUSSEIN
ANNOUNCED PLAN AIMED AT 80 PERCSNT SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION BY 1981. MINISTER SAID
THREE PHARMACEUTICAL PLANTS WOULD BE BUILT DURING THE NEXT
THREE YEARS AND THAT A NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS WOULD BE SENT
ABROAD FOR TRAINING.

2. HUSSEIN SAID MAJOR REASON FOR MOVE TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY
WAS DESIRE TO GAIN INDEPENDENCE FROM MULTINATIONAL DRUG
SUPPLIERSWHICH HE CHARGED HAD RAISED PRICES BY AS MUCH
AS 600 PERCENT AND WERE EXERTING "PRESSURES"
ON IRAQ. HE SPECIFICALLY ACCUSED AMERICAN COMPANIES
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OF REFUSING TO SUPPLY THE SAMARRA PHARMACEUTICAL PLANT
WITH NECESSARY RAW MATERIALS AFTER OCTOBERWAR AND
ADDED THAT USG WAS ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT U.S. COMPANIES
FROM DEALING WITH IRAQ BECAUSE OF BOYCOTT ISSUE.

3. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, AUGUST 24 PAPERS CARRIED
ARTICLE ON WEEK-LONG VISIT OF IRANIAN TRADE DELEGATION,

NOTING THAT VISIT SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON BILATERAL
TRADE IN PHARMACEUTICAL FIELD. THIS MAY REPRESENT GOI
EFFORT TO ACHIEVE ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF FINDING
SUBSTITUTES FOR U.S. DRUG SUPPLIERS (REFTEL).
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